

**SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
(PUBLIC PARTICIPATION)**

August 3, 2004

7:00 PM

Mayor Baines called the meeting to order.

Mayor Baines called for the Pledge of Allegiance, this function being led by Alderman Shea.

A moment of silent prayer was observed.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Roy, Gatsas, Guinta, Sysyn, Osborne, Porter, O'Neil,
Lopez, Shea, DeVries, Garrity, Thibault, Forest.

Absent: Alderman Smith

Mayor Baines addressed Item 4 of the agenda:

Photograph signings of Manchester's historic Millyard by Mayor Baines and former Mayors Beaulieu, Dupuis, Mongan, Shaw and Wieczorek organized by Mr. Ron Boucher.

Ron Boucher stated in a few minutes we will be presenting some special guests, but before I do that I'd like to explain to you why they are here and what they'll be doing. This is all about that photo that's up on the easel in front of the Mayor's podium. There are actually three photos. The top photo was taken in 1903 by Alphonso Sanborn. Alphonso was the chief draftsman for the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company and he also did some photography on the side. He did safety posters for the Amoskeag Company and in his travels he probably ended up at some point at Mill 11, which is on McGregor Street on the West Side, and notice the view of the east side of Manchester and the main section of the millyard from that spot. He went up on the roof, took his camera up there, and took four photographs in such a way that when you pieced them together it made a panorama of the East Side. The result is the photo you see here. It's 180-degree panoramic view of the main section of the millyard. A full size print is 50 inches wide and I'm not sure, but I think some of these ended up in the Amoskeag offices displayed and framed. But many of you may have already seen this print as a postcard. They made postcard of these things, it was a fold up postcard and some of them were actually colorized. By the way, Alphonso lived very near here; he lived on 57 Market Street, which is two buildings from here. The middle photo is a picture that I took. My wife owns the Hatfield Gallery about a block from here and customers were asking her about photographs and artwork about Manchester, so she encouraged me to go out and take some pictures. I began by doing some now and then photographs trying to recreate some old postcards and did some panoramics of Elm Street,

got on some mill towers and took a lot of panoramas. But I knew about Al's photo and I knew that some day I wanted to recreate it and it was late in 2003 when I realized that it had been 100 years since the original was taken so I figured I had to do it quickly. One day I was out taking photos and I was trying to get permission to get into the Stark Mill tower and I walked into the office of Don Cohen and he told me I know a better place to take pictures. Why don't you go over to Mill West, which is exactly what I wanted to do. So I couldn't get there fast enough and when I met my contact there, he escorted me out onto the roof and I went right to the spot where I figured that Al took the original photograph and stood there 100 years before. And sure enough, the view was exactly the same, except now instead of looking and staring at this black and white 100 year old photograph, I was seeing the real thing, 100 years later, in full color, surround sound, and not only that, was up five stories with no walls surrounding me, so that added to the excitement also. I took some photos and pieced them together and what I assembled is what you see there and after I got done I compared the two and stared and stared at the two and compared them to see what had changed and what was there and what was added and it was really breathtaking. We did donate a picture like this to the people at Mill 11 and there's one hanging there now, so hopefully it will still be there in 100 years. By the way, I discovered later on that Alphonso and I both have birthdays on August 31st. Now the third photo you don't see very much and the reason for that is the date on that one is 2103 and what I'm trying to do with that one is I'm trying to encourage someone to recreate the photo again in 100 years from and when I show these photos to people they invariably look at the 1903, they like the old pictures, lots of people like old pictures, it remind them of the good old days and simpler times. But 100 years from now when people look at our picture of 2103, they will think the same thing, they will see that and say that was our good old days. And I can not imagine what it's going to be like in 2103, 100 years from now, but hopefully they won't be tearing down any more mills and I'd like to think that at some point, the canals have been filled in but they are still there, hopefully some day they'll dig those up and they will become tourist attractions and they ever decide to make parking garages in those areas, I hope they make them look exactly same as some of the mills they will be replacing. Now the reason for our special guests. This was only a whim but I thought it would be a nice idea to get some of the former mayors to autograph these pictures and I mentioned this to Sylvio Dupuis and we were working on a project together and he encouraged me to go ahead with this and thought that rather than me going around knocking on doors, it would be good to get everyone together at the same time, and that's what we did. I went ahead and created some special editions that have the areas for the signatures. The ones you see in the front, we've already signed several of these already. The ones you see in the front are some of the ones that will be donated to some organizations for fundraising. Example, the one that's on the easel will be donated to City Hall. Hopefully they'll put that somewhere in the building and also we'll be donating some for the Palace Theatre Auction and the Manchester Historical Society Auction and things like that.

Mayor Baines stated thank you very much Ron Boucher for this wonderful project. It is so important as all of us recognize to preserve the history of our City and often times people neglect to pay attention to historical moments and times and the fact that 100 years later we have a photo like this to commemorate and the challenge of 100 years from now is really extraordinary. But the other thing that's extraordinary is on very few occasions simply because how busy we all are do the former mayors get a chance to get together. The last time we were all together in a group was when I was inaugurated in January of 2000 and it's very important that anyone who serves in the office of Mayor recognizes first of all the awesome responsibility that it is, the great privilege that it is, and also the great sacrifices that go along with serving in this capacity, not only for yourself as an individual but for your families. So it is in honor of their service to the community and a recognition of their important part in putting the building blocks of our City together that we have the great City that we have today. I have often said that the job of every mayor and the mayors that will follow, are to build upon the successes of the past and always remember to recognize the contributions of those who preceded you because you can only achieve success if you link the past with the present and always remember the contributions that those who preceded you made while they served in the office of Mayor. And I won't give any long speeches about it, but each one of these individuals in their own right that contributed to the great City that we enjoy today, and all of them I think would say the same about those people that served before them or in between them because there are some people that obviously are not with us today, but it's a great honor and a privilege that I introduce and I would like to introduce them individually and have them recognized. First of all the former Mayor of the City, my predecessor the Honorable Ray Wieczorek, the Honorable Robert Shaw, the Honorable Emile Beaulieu, the Honorable Dr. Sylvio Dupuis, and a person who got me interested in politics and I am where I am today in political life because of the inspiration that he provided for me and to me and the support that he and his wife has provided for our family and he swore me in my first two terms in office, somebody who really had a great visual for a City, the Honorable John C. Mongan.

Mayor Baines advised that the purpose of the special meeting is to give residents of Manchester the opportunity to address the Board on items of concern affecting the community; that each person will be given only one opportunity to speak; that comments shall be limited to two minutes to allow all participants the opportunity to speak and any comments must be directed to the Chair.

Mayor Baines requested that any resident wishing to speak come forward to the nearest microphone, clearly state their name and address when recognized, and give their comments.

Paul Boisvert, 101 Elgin Avenue, Manchester, stated:

I am very disturbed about the motorcycle noise. It seems as though it should start at the source where these mufflers are sold or the State inspection stations. I understand the Police are doing the best to stop that, but like I said if they would start at the source, where the

inspection stations are. I know that with the automobiles if there is something wrong they go to the inspection station, they take their license away or fine them.

Sylvio Dupuis, 451 Coolidge Street, Manchester, stated:

I want to use at least 30 seconds of my time to express my thanks and appreciation to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen and all of our City officials for what I think is a wonderful job of leading our City. You have a lot to be proud of in the work that you do and in the achievements that you have made on behalf of our City and I know I speak only for myself and not for the other Mayors, but I'm proud to be a citizen of Manchester and to be part of this community. And the work that you do is a large part of that. I just want to make a comment about the JacPac land acquisition and I have the benefit right now of not knowing how the Board of Mayor and Aldermen really feel about it because I have not really polled that and not really read a lot about it, but I met a good friend one time and his name was Neal Hood and Paul Boisvert would remember him because he was a good friend of his and among the many lessons that he taught me he said "Buy land son". They aren't making any more." And I think as you consider this important purchase, as you consider this important investment on behalf of the City of Manchester, I hope you will recognize that it is a unique opportunity for the City of Manchester and you can sit there and say, well former Mayor there are many unique opportunities for this City, but I think this would have to rank about the top. The location at the river, the location of where you've already made a substantial investment, the Keyspan property that you and I know at some point is going to change in terms of its usage, makes this piece of land extremely valuable. Now if I were talking about purchasing it for \$3 million, I'd have to think about it a lot longer, but when I look at the resources of the City and the assets of the City, I would urge you not to make up your minds about it until you have really talked about and really thought about it, but in my mind having thought about it, I think that it would be a really credible investment in the vision and the future of the City of Manchester and former Emile Beaulieu has asked me to express his opinion, which really is one that we both share. So thank you again very much for your time, thank you for the leadership that you provide that this community is in matter of great pride and honor to live in Manchester, New Hampshire and you're the reason why we feel that way.

John Mongan, 22 Elizabeth Avenue, Manchester, stated:

History seems to be the theme tonight. Mine goes back all the way to my fourth grade looking out the second story window of Main Street School, looking at the strike that was taking place by the Amoskeag workers and they were jumping and tearing down the fence, or bending the fences down, and I was very unhappy about that as a kid and I pledged that when I grew up I was going to start another whole factory to replace Amoskeag. Well I didn't do that but I did the next best thing, I kept my pledge. I came into office after a really experienced team, Harry Davis and Mr. Newell and they had already completed 27 urban renewal projects and were the first in the country to complete one and I took it from there. But the Federal law changed and the Federal law was eliminated and what we did was we

just picked up where the Federal was and passed legislation through the State and my first project was one of the buildings, which was very profitable and the next one after that was the Brown Avenue Industrial Park. Brown Avenue Industrial Park was paying taxes of \$1,300 a year when we acquired it. You can imagine what the difference is today. And another industrial park was the Airport Industrial Park, then when we got downtown and the Federal building, which was supposed to be a private building, it was at first, was part of our projects and the telephone building. The time came for Hampshire Plaza and it was \$5 million that it would have taken for that and people said they weren't going to spend their \$5 million on a private pursuit. And actually the Hampshire Plaza was fantastically successful. If you wait two more years, you get back all of your \$5 million from the rentals from the size of the taxes that goes on this site. This acquisition was followed by the same thing with Mr. Pariseau and he put up \$700,000 for the East Industrial Drive and that made the East Industrial Park possible. After that there wasn't anything that was of any significance in the industrial development in Manchester and I think that when you put together a package by the river, you should put together the whole package, not to leave one piece left and another piece left and try to do something in between. Brown Avenue and the Hampshire Plaza we went the whole way and that's what works. That's what I think you should do here.

Henry Fellows, 151 Lake Avenue, Manchester, stated:

I've lived there to for 10 years. We're bothered by the noise from car stereos. They come up Lake Avenue to Pine Street, they come down Lake Avenue to Pine Street, the light on Pine Street, my window is right there on the corner. They come in all hours of the night just blasting away and I don't know why it's allowed. There should be a law against it. That's usurping your rights to peace and quiet they are just spoiling it all.

Lloyd Basinow, 503 Amherst Street, Manchester, stated:

Mayor Baines, Honorable Board, I'm here representing citizens against fluoride. State Law RSA 485:14 requires that this city must conduct a public hearing on fluoride prior to the September 14th referendum vote. On tonight's agenda is my official request that this Board set a date and time for that hearing. Manchester's public health officials, Fred Rusczek and Richard Dipentima are running away and refusing to hold any kind of public debate of fluoridation. What are they afraid the public will find out? What secrets are they hiding? This public hearing will allow our citizens to learn the truth and we will reveal those secrets to everyone. It is time that these public officials came before the taxpayers and gave some answers, including financing from a pro fluoride movement. Fred Rusczek has been very outspoken regarding the dangers of lead poisoning by Manchester's children. Why is it then that our children have faced the hazard of lead poisoning while Mr. Rusczek advocates the direct interjection into our public water supply of fluoride chemicals, which contains lead, and which the Federal EPA says the only maximum safe contaminate level is zero to ensure no possible risk to health. Mr. Rusczek has publicly repeatedly said that fluoride is a nutrient. I have never known a poison so classified by the EPA to be a nutrient and surely not lead, arsenic, mercury, cyanide, iron, or magnesium, which are all contained in the solution

hydrofluoric acid being added to our drinking water. We demand that our public officials show up at the public hearing and answer our concerns.

Harold Levine, 49 Hillcroft Road, Manchester, stated:

Mr. Mayor, ladies and gentlemen of the Aldermanic Board, I came here tonight to show my appreciation for the Aldermen who showed up at the Concerned Taxpayer's meeting the third Monday of July and it was a very good debate between two of the Aldermen that answered all of our questions, or most of them, and I think more Aldermen should get involved in attending programs like this. My main concern is this Tyson deal. I called the Mayor's office this morning and was kind of disappointed. Everybody was busy and they must have called the wrong Harold Levine because I haven't received a call back. I think it's really rude and it's the first time in all the years that I've resided in Manchester that a Mayor's office didn't find time to call back. One of the reasons at the present time I might be against the Tyson real estate deal, is because of the team players who I have seen names mentioned in the *Union Leader*, who were more or less leading the Tyson deal for the City of Manchester and they in the past have caused the taxpayers of Manchester hundreds of thousands of dollars in any deal they got involved. It seems that the City of Manchester always puts the cart before the horse and it's about time that we start putting the horse before the cart. I don't know if this particular issue is coming up tonight, but in good faith I think the Aldermen tonight should table this particular deal and get more information.

Cliff Crowley, 363 Lake Avenue, Manchester, stated:

They call me the crusader now. Your Honor, this didn't have to go this far. I've been to your office; I've called the Chief of Police. I didn't start off doing this. I went to introduce myself to a Police officer. I told him, what can be done about this noise. I explained to him that I can't sleep and there's other older people who get real nervous driving around town with this type of noise. I've written to you, I've talked to you, I don't blame the Police officers, I blame the Chief of Police for not doing his job of giving these people tools. I've even suggested that if you were to pull some of these cars over who are doing nothing but blaring their radios, I don't care if it's two o'clock in the afternoon, it's not right. My new one is if I can't hear my TV, I shouldn't have to listen to your music and certainly not six blocks away. I'm very angry about this. My phone has been ringing off the wall, I didn't want my picture in the paper, I didn't want my address put in the paper, but as I told you in one of the letters, I've got to do whatever it takes to get this done. I would expect some help from these guys also.

Richard Ciechon, 293 Jobin Drive, Manchester, stated:

I live in the best and the noisiest ward in the City. I'm here to ask and maybe I should say even demand of the Mayor and Aldermen with the help of the Police Department and maybe with the help of the Department of Safety to uphold and enforce the noise in the City and I'm sure it's in the whole State. When I was a kid growing up, you couldn't have any Hollywood mufflers, glass packs or anything. When the cop says you're not going to get an inspection

sticker, we understood and we obeyed and went that through that for the sake of the senior citizens of my City and I expect the same now that I'm a senior citizen because it is detrimental to my health and the health of all of the senior citizens in this City, and even the young kids who are going to be deaf when they are 40. So I want you Aldermen to get tough on this noise law. Why does the minority always have to win over the majority?

Donald Comtois, 459 Dubuque Street, Manchester, stated:

I've lived in that neighborhood my entire life and I love motorcycles, I've owned them, but I've owned the quiet ones. And I understand there was an article some time ago that said it was difficult for Police officers to measure the loudness of a motorcycle because a lot of the motorcycles today don't have tachometers and to hook up a tachometer is dangerous to the motorcyclist when a person doesn't know... There is a digital tachometer that is inductive. You just clamp it around the wire, you're not doing anything to the motorcycle, then you get a digital reading and then as far as I heard in the paper that the City has one DB meter for the whole Police force and they borrowed it from the State. It must be very expensive. I went on the Internet and I found some of those, they are \$373.00 a piece but the tachometer is only \$46.00, so to equip every cruiser would cost \$419.68 each. And you say well where are you going to get the money, how many cruisers do you have? Well a solution to that is cut out every other streetlight in the City of Manchester because there is way too much light pollution at night. You cut the light pollution and pay for the noise pollution to reduce that also.

Diane and Ray Francoeur, 100 Weston Road, Manchester, stated:

The noise at night is awful and it is like a racetrack. It goes on one wheel. Even last year one fellow in front of our house and we called the Police and nothing has been done. They came about an hour and a half after. But that is not only at night. I think the noise is too high during the days too. It's not only because of the noise for safety, with the music in the cars today don't tell me it is safe if we hear a siren coming, an ambulance, a fire station or anything, they won't hear it. So I think something has to be done on that end. We appreciate if you tend to something with the Police Department and everybody here and think something has to be done. It is awful.

Ray Pinard, 65 Kidder Street, Manchester, stated:

I'm here to speak this evening to encourage the purchase of the JacPac property. I believe that we are once again faced with the decision do we lead or are we going to be led? This is certainly a time to lead and invest in ourselves. It is another opportunity for us to control our destiny and taking control of this property is key. I would suggested that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen charge the Manchester Development Corporation to work with staff to develop a plan to develop the site in conjunction with investigating the purchase of continuous properties. This is all about defining what we want Manchester to be in five and ten years from now and it is a continuation of the process of development that began with the Verizon Arena, the Airport, the Bridge and Elm Street project, all the private investment that

we've seen happen over the past four or five years, riverfront development, and other successes. I urge you to continue this string of successes.

Steve Laurin, 30 Fairmount Avenue, Manchester, stated:

I'm a new homeowner in Manchester. That's just off from Candia Road and Bridge Street Extension. I came down here tonight in support of Mr. Crowley and his effort to get the City to do more to control noise. I know there are a lot of different sources of noise. The problem that I have experienced is from motorcycles. Whether there are ordinances or State regulation or inspection, I think there's a lot more that can be done. I think we need to identify the sources of the problem and see what might be able to be done about it. Noise is very irritating and it makes people mean and I don't think I want to live in a city with a bunch of mean people, and I think the City government should look at this more seriously and try and do something about it.

Eric Sawyer, 40 Wilmot Street, Manchester, stated:

I came tonight because I wanted to remind the Aldermen that some time ago myself and City staff worked up a noise ordinance based on the best science we would find. The City probably saved themselves considerably in the consulting fees because I put about 600-700 hours into that work. I'm also a member of the Acoustical Society of America, but the ordinance that was drafted follows closely to the recommendations of the World Health Organization. It pinpoints the noise to be a public health concern rather than a nuisance, and in that regard you can look at some very interesting data from Boston where Police calls for domestic violence are directly correlated to decibel levels above 60 DB at night. When it's above 60 DB, calls for domestic violence go off the roof and when it is below, they hardly have any calls. It is very telling data. There are two noise ordinances in the United States that are generally looked at as guides. One is the City of Chicago and the other is Denver. The City of Chicago would require someone to hire a technically proficient person, probably a degreed engineer, to enforce it. The Denver ordinance is much simpler and more common sense. The draft that was made for Manchester patterns the Denver ordinance and what I wanted to remind you is there is some very good technical science what was done for Manchester and I'd be happy to sit down and explain it for you at some other forum.

Alderman Gatsas asked Mr. Sawyer, do you have that ordinance still with you? The Committee on Administration passed that to Bills on Second Reading two years ago and that Ordinance died in that committee.

Mayor Baines stated well we will resurrect it this evening.

Alderman Gatsas stated we will under New Business.

Joseph Kelley Levasseur, 866 Elm Street, Manchester, stated:

I want to congratulate Mr. Crowley for having the temerity to come and bring this issue forward. I've never seen an issue galvanize a city so well. All the issues that come across, taxes, schools, etc., this one goes across party lines because the neighborhoods and people sleep and their health is obviously a big issue. It's interesting that we send an ordinance two years ago, but now that the people have come out to speak, the ordinance will be passed I bet you very quickly. What I told Mr. Crowley was that as his attorney he asked me to take a class action suit and I said I don't like to use the courts for something I think as common sensical as the reduction in noise and enforcement policies by the Manchester Police Department. But it must start from the top and it must start from the City Fathers. You being the top and you being the City Father, I believe a little bit of pressure in the right places we'll see a little more action. Forty violations a month is not enough. You could get 40 violations in two hours if you stand on a couple of street corners in the City of Manchester and that will send a message. But I would like to commend Mr. Crowley because he did take my advice and drop his suit against the City. We are not looking to sue the City and make the taxpayers pay anything and put it in the hand of you the Mayor and the public body. I wrote a letter, Your Honor, to the City asking for a hearing in front of Traffic and Public Safety. Maybe we can bring this forward to let something get going. But we do not need a committee; we don't need a long, big, blue ribbon committee to get this thing taken care of. What we need is action from you the Mayor and I believe you will be on top of this issue and I want to thank the *Union Leader* for being out in front of this and I want you all to know that I have received phone calls, Your Honor, from people from five different states. This is not only an issue that is local, this is a national issue, people are very upset, I even got a phone call from somebody from Canada. So please people, listen to your people and I want to say everybody here, they won't all speak, but they have spoken by coming up here tonight and you are well represented Manchester and let's do something about it.

Marvin Woodilla, 323 Franklin Street, Manchester, stated:

I appreciate the chance to speak on this issue of noise tonight. I am a new senior there as of three months ago today. I have been trying to sleep there. There are four parking lots immediately to the west of my eighth floor west wing. Four parking lots that from 11 o'clock to 2:00AM just loaded with whooping and hollering by drunk and disorderly people. At bar closing in particular from 11:00PM to 12:00AM bar hoppers are just as noisy as those this evening. Often as I view them from my eighth floor window at night, there are those that come out and wait for their sloshed drivers for 20 minutes and all the while being noisy and disorderly, for 20 minutes. Very often they park in the Carpenter Center where they really shouldn't be at all. They park close enough cars that belong to residents there enough to cause damage to their car doors as they open and close them. Motorcycle noises are very access in that area along with tire squealing as they leave. The main point I want to make here is that, the problem is there every night. A point was made in the newspaper that this problem disappears by the time the Police get there. It doesn't. They have to be there between 12:00AM and 2:00AM. They are drunk and disorderly practically night, especially

from Thursday through Saturday night. I never see a cruiser. Perhaps foot patrolmen should be brought back for this and maybe other problems.

Tammy Simmons, 142 Parker Street, Manchester, stated:

Just out of curiosity are those chairs comfortable? Because I bet instead of buying those new chairs for the Aldermen to sit it, we might have been better served by providing decibel meters for the Police officers in the City, because that would be 12 pieces of equipment that would make a whole lot more people happier than those 12 people. I don't know if you have a new one or not. I on the West Side, I live in a residential neighborhood, it's not like I live in downtown Elm Street. The noise in the City is out of control. When a car goes by my house and my house shakes, it is too loud, and I can't be chasing cars down the street to get their license plate number in the middle in the night just because supposedly there's no other way to enforce this. If we provide decibel meters to our Police officers, they can just give people citations and eventually people are going to turn them down because they're going to get tired of paying for it. Isn't that how we deter most crime? By citing people and making them pay for it? There is noise from more than just car stereos. There are motorcycles, which my husband owned a motorcycle for years but they can't be so loud that they wake you up in the middle of the night. I've called the Police on numerous occasions, they may be understaffed and I'm not going to fault them and it might just be management at the Police Department, but something has to be done by it. We can't have people being woke up at all hours of the night with night just be told well there's not a whole lot we can do about it because that's just not an acceptable answer. In my other minute of time, I did want to mention that Lloyd Basinow mentioned a concern about the fluoride and there actually is going to be a forum that State Representative Barbara Hagen is pulling together. It is on August 23rd, which a Monday evening at the Manchester Public Library and we're hoping that both the pro fluoride people will come out and speak, not only the anti fluoride people. I happen to be one of those anti fluoride people, but I've yet to hear anything publicly other than just drink the water it is okay, from the pro fluoride people.

James Osborne, 58 Massabesic Street, Manchester, stated:

I live at the corner of Massabesic and Spruce Streets. My wife and I have lived in Manchester for about two years now and it's a wonderful city. But I've got to tell you, the noise, particularly the motorcycles, is of great concern. A lot of people have noted that the noise is particularly at night. We notice it more in the early evening. Like from 5:00PM to 7:00Pm hours, but it is to the point that just last night we were trying to watch a movie and we had to rewind our movie because the motorcycle was very loud and for an extended period of time that we missed probably 15 seconds of dialogue in the movie we were watching. On more than one occasion we've had phone calls with relatives and they've heard the motorcycles in the background, so it is an issue that needs to be addressed. It sounds like you're addressing it. The other thing as I was standing here I kind of thought about, one of the earlier gentlemen had commented on potential connection between domestic violence and these noise levels. And it was kind of interesting because my wife

and I were chatting about the fact that that is something that is very common in our building, domestic violence, and we have contacted the Police on more than one occasion and it would be interesting I think to look at if there was a connection there. What I do know is that it is extremely loud, from my standpoint it tends to be more motorcycle. If there is something that my wife and I can do to help the City, we would love to do that. So, thank you for having this forum open for us tonight.

Leslie Nash, Front Street, Manchester, stated:

There is a point I would like to bring up quickly about the motorcycle noise. More than five years ago I attended a meeting at the Manchester Police station with my landlord and a lawyer from the Carpenter Building. At that meeting, both those gentlemen donated each two devices that were needed by the Police Department to control the motorcycle noise. That was five or more years ago. What happened? Next, the cars with the radios. It's not just from 6:00PM to 6:00AM. It is all night, its all day, in the wintertime it is even worse, but it is all the time. There are people that live in my building that are not of well health. There are those of us that are healthy, by whether we are or not, our day is completely disturbed, our nights are completely disturbed, and that is my issue. As one other gentlemen has said, why does the minority always win and not the majority, because there are a majority of us throughout this whole City that feel the same way about the noise in this City and it is complete and totally unfair to us.

Pricilla Doll, 370 Amherst Street, Manchester, stated:

I've been dealing with the noise problem for many years. At one time lived on Walnut Street and when Central High School is in school and there's a parking dilemma, the music is atrocious. I work second shift and these kids would be out there with their boom, boom, boom and their lousy language. I grew up in the 1970s, I grew up in Manchester all of my life and always heard that if it's too loud you're getting too old. Well guess what? I think I'm getting too old because I've had enough. Just yesterday I was sitting up in my living room and a car went by and my floor was shaking. It was actually shaking and it's not the music, it's the boom boxes they put in their trunks that make everything vibrate. I don't know what you can do about the noise level, but certainly they shouldn't be installing these vehicles and then when they pull up behind you in a vehicle, and you're sitting there and your car is shaking because it is so loud. It's not acceptable any more. I grew up in the 1970s and I wasn't allowed to do a lot of things and certainly playing blasting music at all hours of the day and night. Obviously nobody is respecting other people and there's a loss of respect in the neighborhood and in the City of Manchester. The younger people today don't think the same way that we did when we were growing up with the values that we did. I guess that's about it, but I'd like to see more officers, even maybe on a motorcycle. Those are the people that go after them.

Clermont Boutin, 344 Goffstown Road, Manchester, stated:

It is a very heavily trafficked road and they are going to be building some buildings up in Goffstown, which some of you know about that, so the traffic was a concern to us. At any time during the day, especially between 12:00AM and 3:00AM in the morning, in the morning, motorcycles going by with loud pipes and it always seems when they're going by especially in our neighborhood is just crank that throttle a little more and get it a little louder. And recently my wife and kids we were at a stop light on Daniel Webster Highway, a motorcycle pulled up along side and revved his pipes, it scared my daughter, I look at the individual and I said what did you do that for? And he wanted to get into an altercation with me and I'm saying this is ridiculous. I did not step out of the van to get into an altercation with the individual, I said this is the type of forum which I need to address myself. I want a safe city. You can have loud pipes, but control noise. Recently they renovated all of these houses at the Airport because of the jet engine noise. Also in 1999 the FAA mandated that all jet engines must be quiet. You can hear the engines nine miles away. 1950s and 1960s jet engines could be heard 25 miles away, there are still some airplanes that are louder, however, we can't fix all of the houses in the City of Manchester and make them soundproof, but we can take means from the Police Department to quiet some of these motorcycles and stereos.

Ed Ross, 23 Elm Street, Manchester, stated:

This seems to be the finish line and the starting line of Manchester drag way and I'm here to invite the Mayor and all of the Aldermen to a late night barbecue at my house, on a Saturday night. The sound is unbelievable. It does shake our house. The boom boxes, I can't understand the boom box thing. It shakes our house and it drowns our TV out. The motorcycles, the races, the Blessed Sacrament is a turn around and when the light goes green, that's when the spinouts start. We moved there in the wintertime and it wasn't bad in the wintertime because the snow kind of muffled everything, but then when the summer happened I said what's happened here and it is horrendous. It's unbelievable and it has to be witnessed I think maybe by some of you people just to see how bad it is.

Cliff Ross, 78 Middle Street, Manchester, stated:

First of all I'd like to thank the Mayor and the Board for the recognition that you extended to the late Murray Onickman. He died shortly afterward. He was grateful for what you did for him. About two and a half years ago as a consequence of the motorcycle noise from Strange Brew, my wife and I gave up and we moved to Portsmouth, we bought a home there and we lived there for a couple of years. It is an interesting city and noise is not a problem in Portsmouth. It is dealt with, but my wife missed our children, missed our grandchildren, she missed our friends, so we came back. We are very, very happy with the city we love, but the noise remains and it's not just the fault of the motorcycle drivers. The officers and directors Harley Davidson Company, I'm sure, live in areas where noise is not a problem. But they manufacture shirts and clothing where it encourages noise to be made. I saw a fellow on

Elm Street with a sweatshirt that said the Harley logo and then underneath it had the wording make noise. So I went to the Harley shop on Elm Street to see if I could buy one and they said they didn't have any but they had the T-shirts that urge motorcyclists to make noise. So a lot this, not all of it, is the deliberate and intentional and unnecessary intention to make noise, either by tampering with mufflers or not having working mufflers at all. So I respectfully urge all of you to do all you reasonably can to do something about motorcycle noise and other noise particularly in the early morning hours 1:00AM to 2:00AM.

Police Chief John Jaskolka stated:

We have a civic center, we have a ballpark, we have a totally revitalized downtown area, a large shopping mall, and several small malls along South Willow Street. The population in Manchester now I'm guessing is close to 120,000 that we probably know about. The last statistic I heard, the average family has 2.3 vehicles. Manchester has come along way with bringing people back into the city. They come to the City to attend events, have dinner, to shop, or maybe just to visit. However, the growth in the City brings in it's own set of problems. Some good, the economy is good, people come in and spend money, some bad. We can't expect just families to come into the City to attend these events. We are going to get the people who want to come in, cruise up and down Elm Street, just to see what's going on. One of the associated problems with that of course is an increase in traffic. An increase in traffic is an increase in noise. Unfortunately this isn't Auburn or Bedford or Candia or Deerfield where we can live on a nice country road, have a nice long driveway that goes to our house and really not have to deal with the ongoing noise. I know we as a City and I know we as a Police Department understand that there's a problem with the noise and it's not just an inner city problem. I look at Mr. Crowley's problems on Lake Avenue. Years ago Lake Avenue was parking on one side. Now they park on both sides of the street. That's because of the amount of people and the amount of cars that are in that area. Double the cars, double the noise, double the pollution. And then I wonder about the people who live along the highways. The retainer walls that they put up are great for not allowing you to see the traffic on the highways, but you still hear the tractor trailers, you still hear the motorcycles with the modified exhausts and you hear still hear the sports bikes or racing bikes or whatever your pet name is for those things that they drive winding up and down speeding along the highways. And how about the people that live next to the airport and have to listen to the jets coming and going. Should the State of New Hampshire hold their inspection stations responsible for enforcing the inspection laws? I don't think when these people go to have these motorcycles inspected, that they turn around and put on their stock pipes so they can get the sticker put on their motorcycle. The inspection stations are inspecting the motorcycles and letting them go out on the streets with the modified exhausts. Can we ask the State Police to enforce the noise on our highways? I don't think they have the manpower to do that. Can we ask Mr. Dillon to have the jets muffle their engines when they're taking off or flying over us? Can't do that; that's regulated, but a jet taking off or coming over your house is going to make a lot more noise than a boom box in the back of a car. I think you might want to listen to the decibel difference with that. Should we ask the

State for an inspection requirement making the boom boxes illegal? After all they really serve no legitimate purpose. I don't know where it ends. I don't know what laws we enforce. Obviously there are some we can and some we can't. But to say that we're not enforcing the laws is a false statement. I can tell you between July 1st and July 30th of this year over 300 summonses were issues for exhaust violations, which is basically our major complaint in this City. It is the motorcycle noise that the people are complaining about. There were also another 72 summonses issued for quality of life issues that is conduct in public places, rude, indecent, disorderly activities and that includes noise complaints. In June of this year alone, 70 summonses were issued for loud exhaust. In total 971 summonses for all crimes issued in the month of June. In July we saw a bit of a reduction in exhaust violations with only 35, but there was also 23 summonses for the quality of life issues including noise violations and in all 930 summonses were issued in the month of July. Just last night there was a vehicle stopped for nothing more than a loud stereo. As a result of that, one of the occupants of the vehicle was arrested on a narcotics violation, three of the occupants were cited for open container laws and the operator of the vehicle was cited for the loud stereo. In the past 12 months, this department has responded to over 100,000 calls for service. Of those 981 were calls for noise complaints, that less than one percent of the amount of calls we go to. 793 of those calls were founded and some type of Police action was taken. Those calls can consist of a loud party, a loud stereo in a parking lot, or a lot of times kids playing basketball in the alley. 188 were unfounded because the noise was gone when we got there. It wasn't that long ago that I received a call from Senator Gatsas who told be that they were about to repeal a law that allows us to enforce the motor vehicle aspect of the loud exhaust. I immediately contacted the New Hampshire Chiefs of Police Association and explained to him that this law was about to be terminated for other words. During our annual convention I was appointed by the New Hampshire Chiefs to speak with the Governor to explain the importance of the law and ask him to veto it. The Governor told me he would look into it, however, that law was repealed without his signature. Short of having an entire division to enforce nothing more than motor vehicle laws and City Ordinance violations, this department will continue to have directed and random patrols and enforce these laws in the past and will continue to do in the future.

There being no one else present wishing to speak, on motion of Alderman Shea, duly seconded by Alderman DeVries, it was voted to take all comments under advisement and further to receive and file any written documentation presented.

This being a special meeting of the Board, no further business was presented and on motion of Alderman Shea, duly seconded by Alderman DeVries, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk

